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INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, February 27, as follows: Week ended February 27, 1904. Inspection Mexican Central passengers, 215; inspection excursion train, 28; inspection Mexican immigrants, 72; inspection Mexicans imported in bond, 72; inspection Syrian immigrants, 6; disinfection soiled linen imported for laundry, 419 pieces; disinfection baggage, blankets, etc., from Aguas Calientes, 37 pieces; vaccination of immigrants and children, 11.

Inspection at Laredo, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, through Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, February 29 and March 3, as follows: Week ended February 27, 1904. Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 16; persons entering from Mexico inspected, 1,697; immigrants from Mexico inspected, 5; persons vaccinated upon entry, 8; Pullman coaches disinfected, 8; certificates accompanying one corpse inspected and allowed entry.

Summary of inspection for the month of February, 1904.

Trains from Mexico inspected, 63; persons from Mexico inspected, 4,086; immigrants inspected, 39; persons vaccinated, 45; Pullman coaches disinfected, 31; day coaches disinfected, 2; certificate of corpses inspected and passed, 2.

Summary of fumigation work performed at Laredo during the month of February, 1904.

Total number of houses fumigated, 248; rooms, 552. Of these, 6 houses and 17 rooms were within the city limits. By request 4 houses, in which deaths from tuberculosis had occurred, were fumigated.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

COLORADO—*Denver*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 175,000. Total number of deaths, 260, including diphtheria 3, enteric fever 5, scarlet fever 5, and 56 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT—*Stamford*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 18,000. Total number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

GEORGIA—*Columbus*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 19,303—white, 10,276; colored, 9,027. Total number of deaths, 26—white 11, colored 15—including enteric fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Belleville*.—Three weeks ended February 27, 1904. Estimated population, 19,000. Total number of deaths, 24, including enteric fever 1, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Peoria.—Month of February, 1904. Census population, 56,100. Total number of deaths, 78, including diphtheria 4, and 3 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Worcester*.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 127,286. Total number of deaths, 174, including diphtheria 2, and 27 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State Board of Health, Lansing, for the week ended February 27, 1904, from 65 observers, indicate that phthisis pulmonalis, diphtheria, remittent fever, and meningitis were more prevalent, and smallpox was less prevalent than in the preceding week.

Meningitis was reported present at 4, whooping cough at 14, diphtheria at 47, enteric fever at 50, pneumonia at 59, measles at 73, scarlet fever at 83, smallpox at 88, and phthisis pulmonalis at 208 places.

Danger from typhoid fever—Warning to cities and villages having a general water supply.

The bulletin issued by the Michigan State board of health for the month ending February 27, 1904, indicates that typhoid fever was much more prevalent than the average for the corresponding month in the ten preceding years. Of the reports received more than twice the average proportion stated the presence of the disease. A contamination of the water supply would account for the unusual prevalence of this disease. In winter that does not usually occur in country districts, the contents of privies being frozen so they can not leach into wells. The unusual reports of typhoid fever came from cities having a general water supply. The inference is that these places are using water from a polluted reservoir, river, or lake, and it is earnestly suggested that the local authorities should promptly notify the citizens to boil the drinking water.

MISSOURI—*St. Louis*.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 645,000; white, 605,000; colored, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 1,008; white 906, colored 102, including diphtheria 7, enteric fever 19, scarlet fever 13, whooping cough 1, and 126 from tuberculosis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Franklin*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 6,000. Total number of deaths, 15, including diphtheria 1, and 1 from enteric fever.

NEW YORK—*Saratoga*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 12,119. Total number of deaths, 27, including 4 from tuberculosis.

NORTH CAROLINA—*Charlotte*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 22, including enteric fever 1, and 3 from tuberculosis.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Columbia*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 13,500. Total number of deaths, 19, including 1 from enteric fever.

Pottsville.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 17,210. Total number of deaths, 40, including 5 from diphtheria.

VIRGINIA—*Pocahontas*.—Month of February, 1904. Census popu-

lation, 2,789. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever reported.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee*.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 325,000. Total number of deaths, 368, including diphtheria 11, enteric fever 5, scarlet fever 6, and 39 from tuberculosis.

Report of immigration at Boston.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,
Boston, Mass., February 27, 1904.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended February 29, 1904; also names of vessels and ports from which they came.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Feb. 21	Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	61
21	Preston	Port Limon, Costa Rica	1
22	Ultonia	Liverpool, England	237
22	Sandisfield	Cardiff, Wales	1
22	Romanic	Italian ports	584
22	Mancuria	Port Lagoon, Nicaragua	1
25	Bohemian	Liverpool, England	4
25	Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	111
26	Harlow	Halifax, Nova Scotia	21
26	Pomeranian	Glasgow, Scotland	3
26	Saxonia	Liverpool, England	532
27	Kansas	do	4
	Total		1,560

GEORGE B. BILLINGS, *Commissioner.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,
Boston, Mass., March 7, 1904.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended March 5, 1904; also names of vessels and ports from which they came.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Feb. 28	Frutira	Montego Bay, Jamaica	3
28	Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	124
28	Cretic	Liverpool, England	186
29	Storm King	Rotterdam, Holland	2
Mar. 1	Admiral Farragut	Jamaica, West Indies	4
3	Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	83
3	Halifax	Halifax, Nova Scotia	33
5	Canadian	Liverpool, England	2
5	Sylvania	do	1
	Total		438

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